US Army Corps of Engineers ®

Great Lakes Navigation System

Wilson Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of Twelve Mile Creek in the town of Wilson, Niagara County, NY
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 1896, 1945 and 1968
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 8 feet in the entrance channel and 6 feet within the Tuscarora Bay
- The channel is approximately 4,900 feet long, 80 feet wide, and suitably widened at bends.
- The east and west piers protect a total of 1,331 feet of the harbor.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Town of Wilson, charter fishing interests, private marinas, and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 3 to 5 years to maintain the navigation channel. The full harbor was last dredged in 2018 when 45,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- West Pier has deteriorated sections that require repairs to ensure the entrance channel and shoreline are adequately protected. Engineering and design began in 2024 and is scheduled to be completed in 2025. Subsequent funding will be needed for construction.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Potential functional loss of harbor of refuge.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Wilson is a harbor of refuge.
- Harbor offers 465 slips for rent, as well as 4 boat launches with a total of 5 launch lanes that accommodate approximately 1,184 launches per season.
- Home to approximately 26 charter boats making approximately 546 trips per year.
- Generates $8.5M in total revenues to accommodations, restaurants, retail, boat repair, and other services and industries; supporting 92 jobs and $4.1M in labor income.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, 2025, and 2026
Wilson Harbor, NY — Project Requirements and President's Budget ($1,000)

Work Package	FY24 Requirement	FY24 Appropriation	FY25 Requirement	FY25 Appropriation	FY26 Requirement	FY26 President's Budget
Engineering, Design and Construction West Pier Repair	550	550*	0	0	6,000	0
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	100	100	0	0	0	0
Navigation Structure Condition Assessment	0	0	0	0	5	5
Real Estate Management	8	0	9	9	8	8
TOTAL	**658**	**650**	**9**	**9**	**6,013**	**13**

**Congressionally Directed Spending*

Congressional Interests

- Representative Timothy Kennedy, D-NY-26
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY